

May 20, 2015

Anthony R. Foxx Secretary U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, DC 20590

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RE: FY 2015, Letter of Support for the City of Wichita's U.S. Department of Transportation's TIGER Discretionary Grant Application

Dear Mr. Foxx:

Bike Walk Wichita, Inc. [BWW] has been briefed on the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant program offered through the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

BWW is a local advocacy organization made of up more than 800 friends and supporters. Our grassroots organization has worked with elected officials for the passage of Master Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans plus a Multi-Modal and Street Design City Ordinance.

BWW promotes active transportation and recreation via advocacy, education and collaboration. BWW works closely with both business and non-profit organizations and coordinates activities, such a trail cleanups, with neighborhood associations.

Wichita State University [WSU] has been a very strong partner with BWW. WSU was one of the early supporters of the 'Redbud Trail,' a rails-to-trail multi-use path, from downtown Wichita to WSU. The Redbud Trail connects low, moderate and higher income neighborhoods. BWW believes strongly in equity and community justice for our citizens and all trail users.

This trail will eventually connect Wichita and Sedgwick County to the cities of Andover and Augusta in Butler County; a county to the east.

BWW strongly endorses this TIGER grant application. This grant will help to further connect trails and trail users to Wichita University. This grant will positively impact community health by providing safe and accessible infrastructure for both cyclists and pedestrians.

BWW volunteers will continue to work closely with WSU faculty and staff to promote a 'walkable and bikeable' community. Thank you for your consideration of our letter of support.

Sincerely,

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Kim Neufeld, President Bike Walk Wichita, Inc.